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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 5, 2005 in the above-identified patent application where the Examiner has required restriction among the Groups I thru CXV.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the invention in Group I, Claims 1-10, 19-47- and 56-73, drawn to a catalytic antagonist attached to a subtilisin protease and a method of degrading a target molecule using the catalytic antagonist.

Applicants traverse this restriction requirement and believe that a search and examination of Groups I-VIII and XII can be made without serious burden to the Examiner, see MPEP sections 803 and 808. The basis for traverse is that there would not be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction were not required between Groups I-VIII and XII. Applicants note that Groups I-VIII and XII are related because each is directed to proteases or enzymes that cleave proteins.

In the alternative, Applicants would respectfully request that Groups I-III be examined together. Groups I-III are very related because each is a serine protease.

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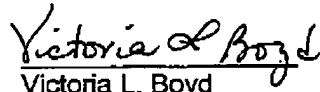
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Therefore, not only are the Groups each directed to a protease but also to a protease with a similar mechanism of action.

Applicants reserve the right to file subsequent applications claiming the non-elected subject matter and do not waive any of their rights or abandon any non-elected subject matter. Applicants have fully and completely responded to the Office Action and have made the required election. This application is now in order for early action.

Respectfully submitted,

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